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State of Connecticut
CT General Assembly
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Dear Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee:

I would like to express my concerns over a number of bills on your agenda.

There are many documented complaints in my area concerning juvenile crime. I myself am a victim of an attempted home break-in. The current laws in CT are outdated and do not adequately address the State's duty to protect its residents. Further, even adult offenders walk with light sentences. Only three and a half years for this repeat offender below::

Gladstone Benjamin Jr., 30, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Kari A. Dooley in Bridgeport to total of 42 months in prison, to be followed by three years of supervised release, according to federal authorities.

Federal authorities, citing court documents and statements made in court, said Hartford police made two controlled purchases of marijuana from Benjamin at his Collins Street residence in April 2019.

Then, on April 23, 2019, investigators "conducted a court-authorized search of Gladstone's residence and found a loaded Taurus 9mm handgun with an extended clip; two loaded Taurus .45 caliber handguns; a loaded semiautomatic handgun that did not contain a make, model or serial number stamp; a Remington Arms 12 gauge shotgun with an unreadable serial number; more than 1,000 rounds of loose and boxed ammunition, and distribution quantities of heroin and marijuana," federal authorities said in a statement.

Benjamin's criminal history includes state felony convictions for firearm and drug offenses, federal authorities said, noting it is a violation of federal law for "anyone previously convicted of a felony offense to possess a firearm or ammunition that has moved in interstate or foreign commerce."

Until the laws on the books can be reviewed and updated to reflect current society,

I strongly request that you oppose

SB 16 HB 5416

and support

SB 388 HB 5415 HB 5412

Thank you for the opportunity to present my concerns.

Sincerely,

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